Statement

Offtake of wheat from April 2005 to January 2006 under targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other schemes

(In Lakh Tonnes)

Month	Offtake of Wheat
April. 2005	13.97
May, 2005	13.65
June, 2005	19.57
July, 2005	15.35
August, 2005	13.05
September, 2005	13.49
October, 2005	11.90
November, 2005	12.03
December, 2005	13.75
January, 2006	13.04

Task force for conservation of wildlife

1228. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a task force to study the conservation of tigers and wildlife in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the task force is also given a mandate to recommend strengthening of laws against poaching and training for police and forest guards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) Based on the

recommendations made in the meeting of the National Board for Wildlife on 17.03.2005 under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, a Task Force was constituted to review the management of Tiger Reserve in the country, which has submitted its report. The Term of Reference of the Task Force are given in the statement.

Statement

The terms of reference of the Task Force

1. Suggest measures to strengthen tiger conservation in the country.
2. Suggest measures to incentivise the local community in conservation of tigers.
3. Suggest measures to incentivise local forest staff posted in sanctuaries/national parks and ensure an effective HR plan for tiger conservation wildlife managers.
4. Suggest measures to improve the methodology of tiger counting and forecasting.
5. Suggest methods of transparent professional audit of wildlife parks and placing data on tiger conservation in the public domain.
6. Suggest a new wildlife management paradigm that shares concerns of conservation with the public at large.

Private participation in afforestation

†1229. **SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI**: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government do not have sufficient land to meet its requirement for afforestation and plantation;

(b) if so, its consequence on the plan of afforestation and plantation on the one third area of total land in the country by the year 2012;

(c) whether Government propose to get participation of private institutes in this plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.